Resettlement of Jhuggi Dwellers in the Capital

3191. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently asked him to look into the resettlement of jhuggi dwellers near Railway tracks in the Capital;

(b) if so, the steps taken by his Minstry on the direction of the Prime Minister;

(c) whether Government have chalked out any short term policy to tackle the problem of slum and its rehabilitation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the policy is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been discussed with all concerned, including the representatives of the Railways and other local authorities concerned. The Minister of Urban Development has also visited the sites and discussed the problems with the representatives of the jhuggi dwellers.

(c) to (e) The Railways have been advised by the Minister of Urban Development to deal with the problem in phases and in the first phase, to delineate the area which is required to be cleared on account of requirement of safety zones. This area has been earmarked and a joint survey by the officers of the Railways and Slum Department is being conducted. This survey is likely to be completed by the end of this month. Further action in the matter would be taken after the survey has been completed and the magnitude of the problem assessed.

As regards the general issue of removal and resettlement of jhuggi dwellers, it has been made clear earlier that Ministry of Urban Development is already implementing the scheme for resettlement of jhuggi dwellers and a large number of jhuggi dwellers have been peacefully resettled. These resettlements include areas known as Udyan Marg, Mandir Marg, Kotla Mubarakpur, Gautam Nagar (All India Institute of Medical Sciences Complex), Samata Dham, Gujarawalan Town, Sadiq Nagar, Andrews Ganj, CGO Complex, Tikona Park, Ring Road etc. These resettlements have been carried

out in accordance with the pattern laid down by the Ministry and have produced satisfactory results both for the welfare of the jhuggi dwellers and for securing vacant possession of the land for projects which are needed by different Departments, for implementation of important developmental projects in accordance with the provision of Delhi Master Plan after charging the prescribed charges from the land owning agency.

Unauthorised Occupation of Government Flats in Sarojini Nagar

3192. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of flats are lying vacant in Sarojini Nagar adjoining Pillanji Village, New Delhi and have been occupied by the villagers unauthorisedly in connivance with the CPWD officials ;

(b) if so, the details of such flats, since when these are lying vacant and loss of revenue to exchequer on this account;

(c) the action taken against the officials involved therein; and

(d) the remedial action taken to remove the encroachment?

THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) 30 quarters in Sarojini Nagar adjoining Pillanji Village as per details given in the statement are vacant. (*see* below). These quarters have been offered regularly to the eligible persons but have not been accepted. Only two quarters are partly under unauthorised use of anti-social elements who have entered these quarters by breaking open the locks/doors. However no connivance of the officials of the CPWD in this regard has been reported.

(d) The CPWD has taken up the matter with the local police authorities to remove the unauthorised occupation.

STATEMENT

Quarters No.	Date of Vacation
A-101	13.12.95
A-103	29-8-97
A-105	11-10-96